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Identical letters dated 20 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 20 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 20 December 2002

I. IAEA inspection team

An IAEA inspection team proceeded to the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission (IAEC) site at Tuwaythah in the afternoon and there divided into two groups.

1. One group, consisting of eight inspectors, visited the Tuwaythah site at 1305 hours. It then headed for the Shaykhli depot, arriving there at 1335 hours. It drove around inside the depot site and inspected some of the buildings. One of the two vehicles drove around the perimeter of the site, on the outside, and its occupants photographed some of the buildings that had been destroyed. The assignment of one of the vehicles was completed at 1420 hours and it arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1445 hours. The second vehicle left the Tuwaythah site at 1445 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1500 hours.

2. The second group, consisting of two inspectors, arrived at the Tuwaythah site at 1335 hours. It conducted a radiometric survey of all the Shaykhli storage facilities and of the roads inside the inner fence around IAEC. The survey included the roads leading to the guesthouse behind IAEC, the roads around the burial site of the equipment for the former nuclear programme and the roads around the nuclear materials stores. The group completed its radiometric survey of the Tuwaythah site at 1425 hours and proceeded to an area near the gateway to the Academy of Sciences in Jadiriyah, Baghdad. It conducted a radiometric survey of the area from the Academy gateway towards the embankment and of the inner streets of the neighbourhood as far as the Cultural Centre. The group completed the assignment at 1515 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1525 hours.

II. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

The team, consisting of 10 inspectors and led by Krzysztof Strelau, left the Canal Hotel at 0845 hours and headed for the IAEC department of chemistry and chemical preparations, reaching the site at 0920 hours. It met with the department director and the IAEC liaison officer and asked them about the research done by the department. The team received answers to its questions from the officials present, and then toured the department's laboratories. The visit ended at 1205 hours, and the team arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1230 hours.

Remarks

1. This is the second time inspection teams have worked on a Friday, the governmental and religious weekly holiday in Iraq as in all Muslim countries, and it is the third time they have worked on a holiday of some kind.

2. The IAEC site at Tuwaythah was alleged in the report of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the report of the United States Department of State and the report of the United States Central Intelligence Agency to be engaged in prohibited activities relating to weapons of mass destruction.